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OUR ARMY. The most interesting event at home last week was the military debate which took place in the House of Commons yesterday week. We must confess that the more we hear of our Army and its reformers the less we like the look of the whole affair. Mr. Arnold-Forster himself is in some ways the least convincing champion and apologist of his own department. He had in the House of Commons a difficult task, to answer—as effectively as might be—criticism directed from almost every quarter on almost every point of Army organisation and administration. It is impossible to take note of all the criticism, but in endeavouring to take a bird's-eye view of the situation we are brought up sharp by the volume of dissatisfaction. Vague and discursive as was the criticism in the House of Commons, thus defeating its own end to some extent, and making easier the position of Mr. Arnold-Forster as spokesman for the Government, it is an immediately striking fact that after so many years of tinkering and so many changes of Ministers and schemes, our organisation should still be in a wonderfully fluid condition and our readiness for offence and defence on land so extremely questionable, that many who are given to thinking about such trifles as national policy and Imperial security in preference to devoting all their brain power to the latest music-hall success or the last society scandal, are unable to sleep very quietly at night for anxiety. No smooth and smug defence from the Ministerial benches, however effective from the Parliamentary point of view, can blind our eyes to a state of affairs that has become deplorable, or reassure us with comfort that is all on paper. Chief from our point of view, of the subjects criticised in the House of Commons yesterday week, is the question of Artillery Rearmament. On this question Mr. Arnold-Forster made certain definite statements which were received with cheers by a House touched to sympathy by his able and spirited defence. We will not again go into the whole story. We will content ourselves with repeating that none of the new batteries were ordered until October of last year, when twenty-one batteries were put in hand after the indictment brought by the London Press against the Department. This pill for an earthquake was followed in December—when the agitation had spread and the whole English Press was thunderously calling for immediate action—by the completion of the necessary orders. It would be interesting to have chapter and verse for Mr. Arnold-Forster's assertion. In the highest interests of the nation we want to know where these guns of April were manufactured and why, if their manufacture can be proved, Mr. Arnold-Forster did not still the agitation before it had well begun, as he could so easily have done, by the production of proof of so reassuring a statement. Mr. Arnold-Forster has convinced us that he is most hard-working, earnest, and self-sacrificing. His personal devotion to duty has never been called in question. We are persuaded that he has done his level best and that he has ideas which are good. But the Army is suffering from a disease of ideas. What it wants is practical application, fewer doctors, less diagnosis, and a more continuous treatment. It is something to know that the War Office is inclined to hold its hands with regard to the new rifle. For neither Lord Roberts nor Mr. Arnold-Forster was very successful in combating the objection to its continued supply to the whole Army. Experiments in Somaliland are not a perfect answer to the volume of criticism in England, and it is a senseless policy to waste millions of money until the return is sure, so long as the present weapon is not—like the present field-gun—hopelessly obsolete. Perhaps the best suggestion made in the course of the debate was Colonel Welby's suggestion that the Government and Opposition should confer amicably to work out a scheme of national defence, and should pledge themselves to see that it was continuously carried into effect. That sounds Utopian. But it should be capable of realisation with a little real patriotism, and mutual consideration for the good of the country and the Empire. Meanwhile it would be to the good if Mr. Arnold-Forster and Mr. Balfour, who is equally responsible, could manage to get a clearer grasp of the essential facts with which they have to deal.

QUESTIONS MUNICIPALES

Les agissements de la Délégation. M. Alderson ayant posé le dilemme "ou les conseillers municipaux seront autorisés à assister à titre consultatif aux séances de la Délégation, ou bien je maintiendrai ma démission", la Commission a purement et simplement voté pour cette dernière alternative et retranché de son sein le membre récalcitrant.

Sans rechercher ce que cette conduite peut avoir de contraire aux habitudes de nos édiles et à la correction de leur manière, hétons-nous de dire qu'elle est profondément contraire à l'esprit de la loi.

La question qui se pose, en effet, est celle-ci : la Commission avait-elle le droit d'accepter la démission d'un élu du peuple uniquement parce qu'il réclamait l'admission des conseillers municipaux aux séances de la Délégation ?

Non, certes. Et le bon sens le plus élémentaire le démontre en l'absence même d'un texte : la Délégation n'est autre que le mandataire de la Commission et à ce titre de mandant celle-ci a évidemment droit de contrôle sur son mandataire.

Mais le texte existe d'ailleurs qui donne aux conseillers ce droit de contrôle. Il ne peut être plus explicite : "Tout membre de la Commission peut à tout moment prendre connaissance, dans le bureau même de la Délégation, de toutes pièces dont il a fait la demande au secrétaire." On oppose, il est vrai, l'art. 36, ainsi conçu : "La Délégation pourra inviter à ses réunions tout membre de la Commission, ou toute autre personne qu'elle croira utile pour avoir des renseignements ou des éclaircissements". Mais ce que la Délégation peut inviter à assister à ses séances, cela ne veut pas dire qu'elle peut empêcher d'exercer un contrôle, lorsque, surtout, il y a un texte explicite qui l'autorise.

Quoiqu'il en soit, la Commission, par son vote du 1er mars dernier, a décidé qu'aucun membre étranger à la Délégation n'avait le droit d'assister aux séances de celle-ci. N'est-ce pas plutôt la Délégation elle-même !

Si des dix-huit conseillers, qui étaient présents à la séance du 1er mars nous déduisons les membres de la Délégation, il restait 9 voix seulement, dont deux ont protesté et une s'est abstenue. Ce sont donc en définitive six membres indépendants contre trois qui ont accepté la démission d'un de leurs collègues. Ce vote est donc nul de plein droit, comme ayant eu lieu sans le quorum nécessaire.

Il était de rigueur, en effet, d'exclure du vote les membres de la Délégation, comme directement intéressés dans l'affaire. L'article 28 du décret est catégorique à cet égard : "Les membres de la Commission ne peuvent prendre part à des délibérations relatives aux affaires dans lesquelles ils ont intérêt, soit en leur nom personnel soit comme mandataires." On ne pourrait imaginer rien de plus précis. La Délégation ne veut pas de contrôle. M. Alderson en exige un et propose à cet effet l'admission des conseillers aux séances de la Délégation.

Celle-ci, étant directement intéressée dans la question, n'avait donc pas le droit de voter. En le faisant elle a violé la loi.

En admettant même qu'il n'y ait pas eu de texte de loi explicite pour empêcher la Délégation de prendre part au vote, la question était de celles qui n'appartiennent pas plus à la Commission qu'à la Délégation de trancher. C'est au Gouvernement à interpréter ses décrets et en l'occurrence il était autant sinon plus indiqué de s'adresser à lui que dans la question des maisons ouvrières. L'article 33 du décret le dit formellement : "Les lois, décrets ou règlements ne peuvent faire l'objet des délibérations de la part de la Commission Municipale. Les mesures prescrites par les lois, décrets et règlements, ou par arrêtés ministériels sont applicables purement et simplement."

Le texte de loi, qui donne à tout membre de la Commission le droit de prendre connaissance à tout moment dans le bureau même de la Délégation de toutes les pièces qu'il juge à propos, lui donne à plus forte raison celui d'assister aux séances à simple titre consultatif. La loi est donc claire, Messieurs les délégués, il n'y a qu'à l'appliquer.

Lorsqu'un collègue en réclame l'application, vous l'acculez à la démission—mais le Gouvernement, qui a reconquis au public un droit de contrôle sur les affaires municipales (voir le rapport de Lord Cromer), ne voudra pas sanctionner une décision qui refuse ce droit à un élu du peuple—décision d'ailleurs contraire à la loi et aux règlements.

Le 8 octobre 1903, ce dernier publiait un long article sur les théâtres où il était dit entre autres "Le théâtre de l'Abhassieh en état de faillite ferme ses portes ces jours-ci." En dépit d'une rectification publiée quelques jours après, M. Sapountzaki attaqua le journal en diffamation, mais perdit son procès devant le tribunal mixte du Caire. Ne se tenant pas pour battu, il a fait appel de ce jugement.

un incendie se déclarait dans son théâtre, lui causant une perte de 2,000£. De plus, dans l'article rectificatif, le journal aggravait encore sa faute en écrivant "que le mot faillite n'avait pas été employé dans son sens juridique mais dans le sens dont on s'est servi de cet épithète en parlant des écoules de M. Dunlop." Pour tous ces faits, M. Sapountzaki réclamait 500£ de dommages-intérêts.

Se référant aux conclusions de la défense, la Cour déboute l'appelant de sa demande et le condamne aux frais. Elle estime que l'erreur commise était sans conséquence dommageable, qu'elle était dégagée de toute intention malveillante et que d'ailleurs elle se trouvait suffisamment réparée par l'insertion de la rectification.

Coquelin Cadet en Egypte

M. Coquelin Cadet donnera huit représentations au Zinzin du 26 Mars au 2 Avril prochains. Ces représentations, dont nous publions le programme en temps utile, ont été choisies parmi les meilleures du répertoire.

BULLETIN DE LA BOURSE

(Aujourd'hui à midi et demie) Le marché des valeurs a débuté faible ce matin, mais plus tard, la confiance étant revenue, l'animation a gagné peu à peu du terrain et on a clôturé en meilleure tendance.

MOUVEMENT MARITIME DU PORT D'ALEXANDRIE

ARRIVEES 2 mars Beyrouth et Port-Saïd; 20 h., vap. franç. Congo, cap. Galetti, ton. 2330, aux Messageries Maritimes.

Municipalité d'Alexandrie

AVIS. La Municipalité met en adjudication les travaux de construction de 14 puits à fonds perdu sur la route de Ramlieh. Le cautionnement est fixé à L.E. 15. Le cahier des charges est déposé au Bureau de la Voirie où il peut être consulté par les intéressés tous les jours de 9 h. à midi, les jours fériés exceptés.

AVIS

La Municipalité met en adjudication la démolition d'une maison dans la rue Constantin Sinadino. Le cautionnement est fixé à L.E. 10. Le cahier des charges est déposé au bureau de la Voirie où il peut être consulté par les intéressés tous les jours de 9 h. à midi, les jours fériés exceptés.

Le 8 octobre 1903, ce dernier publiait un long article sur les théâtres où il était dit entre autres "Le théâtre de l'Abhassieh en état de faillite ferme ses portes ces jours-ci." En dépit d'une rectification publiée quelques jours après, M. Sapountzaki attaqua le journal en diffamation, mais perdit son procès devant le tribunal mixte du Caire. Ne se tenant pas pour battu, il a fait appel de ce jugement.

ADMINISTRATION DES CHEMINS DE FER DE L'ETAT

AVIS. Le Conseil d'Administration a l'honneur de porter à la connaissance du public qu'il recevra jusqu'au Mercredi 29 Mars 1905, à midi, des offres pour l'achat de divers vieux matériaux tels que : Boulons et écrous, Barres de liaison, Tubes de chaudière en fer et en laiton, Ressorts, Essieux, Tenders, Grue etc. déposés à Gabbary où ils peuvent être examinés.

Le Cahier des charges régissant cette adjudication, est déposé aux Magasins de Gabbary et au Service Central des Magasins à Boulak (Caire) d'où l'on peut en obtenir copie contre paiement de 100 millièmes.

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES

AVIS. Le bureau de Mit Ghamr (près Zifta) a été admis aux services des groupes de numéraire et des colis assurés.

STOCKS AND SHARES

Table listing closing prices for various stocks and shares, including Imperial Ottoman Bank, National Bank of Egypt, and others.

COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL

Table listing prices for commercial and industrial goods, such as Alexand. Bonded Stores, Anglo-Egypt. Spinning, and others.

NAVIGATION & WATER WORKS

Table listing prices and terms for navigation and water works, including Anglo-American Nile & Co. and Khedivial Mail S.S. & Co.

RAILWAYS & TRAMWAYS

Table listing prices and terms for railways and tramways, including Basse-Egypte Fonds, Delta Light, and others.

CLOTURE DE LA BOURSE KHEDIVIALE

Table showing the closure of the Khedivial Bourse with various market data and exchange rates.

Les prix suivants ont été pratiqués ce jour

PROVINCE BÉHÉRA par Cantar. Damahour... De P.T. 130 à 230. Kafir-Zayat... De P.T. 250 à 265. Tantah... " 250 " 265.

SECTION DES GRAINES ET CÉRÉALES. GRAINES DE COTON AFFI P.T. 56 à P.T. Haute-Egypte... 54 20/40

COTONS

copie de la dépêche DE L'ALEXANDRIA GENERAL PRODUCE ASSOCIATION à la LIVERPOOL COTTON ASSOCIATION

MARCHE DE MINET-EL-BASSAL

3 mars 1905.—(11h.55 a.m.) Cotons—Clôture du marché du 2 mars : Bon courant d'affaires.

CERIAL MARKET

YESTERDAY'S PRICES. Wheat, Tugari... Ard. P.T. 124 to P.T. 126. Mawani... " 140 " 128.

EXPORATIONS DE LA SEMAINE

Comparés à celles de l'année précédente 1905 1904. Coton... Can. 145,450 Can. 150,083. Graines de coton... Ard. 72,225 Ard. 50,193.

TELEGRAMME HAVAS

BOURSE du 2 mars 1905. COURS DES VALEURS A TERME, CLOTURE. Rente Française 3 % ... ex Fr. 100 37. Actions de Suez ... 4505 1/2.

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Table showing exchange quotations for London, Paris, and other locations, including bank rates and remittance rates.

SHARE LIST

Clôture d'aujourd'hui à 12h.45 p.m. Agric. Bank of Egypt Ltd. 11 1/8 à 1/2. Nat. Bank of Egypt... 27 1/8 à 26 1/8 à 7/8.

CONTRATS (11h.55 a.m.)

Cours de la Bourse de Minet-el-Bassal. Coton P.F.F.Br. Novembre... N.R. Tal. 12 1/8 à 1/4. Janvier... " 12 1/16 " 1/8.

Extérieur

Dépêches particulières du 2 mars 1905. PRODUITS ÉGYPTIENS. Coton: Etat du Marché.—Soutenu.

ASSOCIATION DES COURTIER EN MARCHANDISES

(Service spécial) DÉPÊCHE D'OUVERTURE. LIVERPOOL, 10h. a.m. Américain. Futurs : mai-juin : 4.00.

DERNIERE HEURE

(Clôture de la Bourse Khédiviale 1h. p.m.) Cours de l'Association des Courtiers en Marchandises.

Eastern Telegraph Coy., Ltd.

Table providing telegraphic rates and information for the Eastern Telegraph Company, including average times and messages handled.

EXPORT MANIFESTS.

Pour BONE et ANVERS, par le bateau belge "Congo", parti le 17 février: Griva fr., 320 sacs gomme...

Pour LE PIRÉE et ODESSA, par le bateau russe "Tzar", parti le 17 février: Divers, 234 colis légumes...

For HULL, by the S.S. "Ros", sailed on the 19th January: Various, 3,111 tons cotton seed...

Pour CANDIE, par le bateau grec "Athènes", parti le 20 février: Divers, 121 sacs riz, 20 sacs fèves...

Pour TRÉBIZONDE, par le bateau ottoman "Alexandria", parti le 21 février: Divers, 535 sacs riz, 10 cais. sucre...

Pour PORT-SAÏD et ODESSA, par le bateau russe "Princesse Eugénie", parti le 21 février: Divers, 22 barils vides, 4 colis sacs vides...

For ENGLAND, by the S.S. "Orkla", sailed on the 21st February: N. E. Tamvaco, 2,253 tons cotton seed...

For ENGLAND, by the S.S. "Cabral", sailed on the 21st February: Anglo-Egyptian Bank, 654 tons cotton seed...

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS

CLOSING REPORTS

LIVERPOOL, March 2, 12.55 p.m. Sales of the day... of which Egyptian... American (new crop) Maize Spot...

NEW-YORK, March 2. Spot Cotton... American Futures (April)... (May)... (June)... (Nov.)...

LONDON, March 2. American futures (April-May)... Egypt fully good fair, delivery (April) 6 39/64...

Private discount (3 month bills)... Bar Silver (per oz d.)... Consols (April)... Rio Tinto...

Notes reserves £ 27,931,000 £ 28,310,000 Other securities, 29,629,000, 37,309,000 Bullion, 38,995,000, 38,853,000...

BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. We would call the attention of persons interested in Egyptian trade to the work of the British Chamber of Commerce of Egypt...

TARIF D'EXPORTATION

Table with columns: DESIGNATION, QUANTITE, PRIX DE LA QUANTITE, PRIX DE LA QUANTITE. Lists various export goods and their prices.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Consols a/c, Consols Cash, Egyptian 4% Unified, etc. Lists stock market prices.

NOLIS

Table with columns: HULL, LONDRES, PORTS DIRECTS, CONTINENT, MARSEILLE, DESTINATIONS DIVERSES. Lists shipping rates.

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TIME TABLE FROM 30th JANUARY 1905. DEPARTURE FROM BAB-EL LOUK. Table with columns: A.M., P.M., Dep., Arr.

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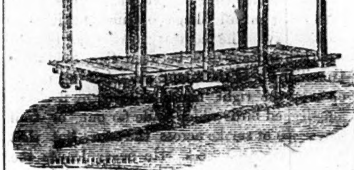
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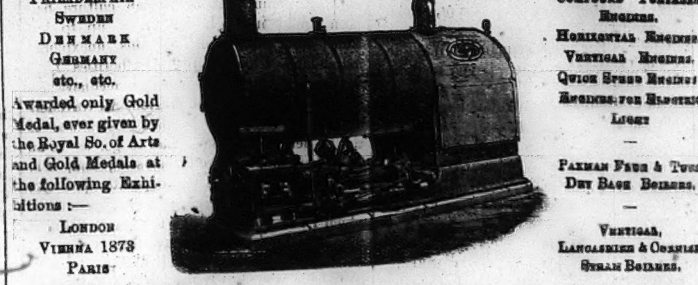
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